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To review procedures and policies for the use of ranges maneuver areas within the McGregor Training Complex.

Establish and support a command climate conducive to developing a high level of individual, leader and collect war fighting proficiency.

To prescribe responsibilities and procedures relating to the safe conduct of training on ranges and in the mane areas.





FT. BLISS/McGREGOR AREA

Altitude 4,000 ft. above sea level

Humidity generally runs 7% to 25%

WBGT does not register when temperature is 110F and above

Terrain looks flat, but is not; vehicles and people will hide in wades/gullies

OFF LIMITS areas are marked in blue on the Ft. Bliss







Total area – 1.1 million acres (1,760 square miles) –  $1\frac{1}{2}$  times larger than the state of Rhode Island

Two major maneuver areas encompassing more than 500 square miles

Nine artillery firing groups with the capability to fire all artillery systems to include MLRS and ATACMS





### **SERVICES PROVIDED**

- Air Space Control/Flight following
- MEDEVAC coordination
- Explosive Ordnance Disposal coordination
- Range/Maneuver inspection /clearance
- Maintain daily activity/firing status
- Multi-purpose Range Complex (MPRC) Heavy
- 26 air defense missile firing sites
- Aerial tactical flight training and gunnery
- Control of restricted air space (1500 square miles)
- Three major range base camps billeting and messing





### **RANGE CONTROL OPERATIONS**

Davis Dome - Bldg # 9600

Open 24hrs a day / 7 days a week

McGregor Range frequencies:

FM 41.70

Retrans FM 55.80

UHF 397.7

VHF 122.6





### RANGE/MANEUVER AREA RESPONSIBILITIES

All ranges must be scheduled 45 days out from required support date

All non baseline firing safety plans and firing data <u>must</u> be submitted to Range Safety at least 1 week prior to date of mission

OIC is responsible for everything that happens or fails to happen on range

Responsibility starts with pre-range training coordination

OIC will control all activities IAW AR 385-62, par 4-2, AR 385-63 and all Fort Bliss SOPs.





(Unit Office Symb	001)			(Date)
MEMORANDUM I	FOR Commander, CAS Bn, AT	ΓN: ATZC-B-C, Fort Bliss	TX 79916	
SUBJECT: Reques	st for Officers & NCO's to Perf	form Duties as Officer-in-	Charge/ Range Safety Officer	
	385-63, page 4-4, Table 4-1.	and the Callegian and an	1 C	h
duties as indicated	with the above reference, requ d on (Range)	lest the following personi	(Unit)	be authorized to perform
<u>NAME</u>	RANK SN	BRIEFING DATE	<u>DUTY</u>	
Smith, John D	SSG 000-00-0000		RSO	

3. Weapons to be supervised:

CPT 111-11-1111

Jones, Bobby J

4. The above mentioned individuals have satisfactorily completed a standard program of instruction in the duties of RSO developed by the battalion/unit to which they are assigned, and familiar with all range standing operating procedures, are eminently qualified in and knowledgeable of the weapons and ammunition being fired, and will not be assigned any other duties while acting in either of these capacities. Appointed OIC's and RSO's will not be assigned responsibility for more than one range at a time.

OIC





All units will establish communications with Range Control upon occupation

Make hourly radio checks with Range Control every hour on the hour,

Unless notified otherwise (range only)

Report any changes in status to Range Control

Make coordination with Range Control either by phone or in person a day prior

Sign for the Range at the range.

Observation points or maneuver areas are signed for at scheduling





## Equipment Sign-out Procedures for Dona Ana Ranges

- Equipment sign-out hours are from 0800-1300 Monday through Friday
- Return equipment the same day or the following morning
- No equipment will be held over the weekend unless cleared by Dona Ana Range personnel
- Equipment may be signed out the day prior to date of range if range not active
- Call for appointment to pick-up equipment @ 569-0340 (answering machine) or Fax 569-0480 ATTN: DARC equipment office





### **RANGE OIC/RSO**

OIC must be a SFC or above

RSO must be a SSG or above

OIC is the <u>ONLY</u> person authorized to request any of the following:

GREEN TIME

- Range firing point is active and

allowed

to conduct a live fire

**HOLD FIRE** - Activated for range fires, safety violations, etc

**TERMINATION OF GREEN TIME** – Range is no longer active



## USA CAS BATTALLION RANGE CERTIFICATION RANGE MEDICAL SUPPORT



All ranges (except range 4) must have at a minimum (1) qualified medical person on site at all times

Units can use Combat Life Savers (CLS) in the place of medics or corpsmen

CLS must have a MFR signed by unit commander stating the date they were certified and identifying the CLS

Medics must have their ID card with Geneva Convention Stamped on ID card





### **HAND GRENADE RANGE**

Range 4 (hand grenade range) must have 2 qualified medical personnel; **NO CLS WILL BE USED!!!!** 

Bleachers inside the range will only be used for initial briefing

Guard will be posted at entrance gate with communications to tower

No vehicles inside range during live fire





### ACCIDENT/INCIDENT DEFINITION

Those range or training area events which cause or could cause injury to military or civilian personnel, adverse facility impact, violation of an impact area or destruction of government property





### ACCIDENT OR INCIDENT REPORTING PROCEDURES

### Oral report:

1. Submit immediately by OIC to Range Control

### Written report:

2. Submitted to USA CAS S-3 or Range Control within 24 hours of event

Report will provide circumstances and recommendations for preventing a re-occurrence

The OIC is responsible for securing the accident/incident site and ensuring all evidence and ordnance is left in place (Cease Fire/Freeze)





### **MEDEVAC**

The MEDEVAC detachment maintains an On-Call air ambulance for actual medical emergencies. Call MEDEVAC through McGregor Range Control using FM 41.70, FM 55.80, UHF 304.6 or VHF 122.6

These frequencies are monitored continuously by Range Control

OIC/RSO will ensure MEDEVAC is needed prior to making request or unit will be liable for unnecessary requests





### **RANGE FIRE RESPONSIBILITIES**

Report all fires to Range Control immediately

Have required fire fighting detail and equipment, IAW Range SOP, pg..22 para. 27

Detail will consist of:

- 1. NCOIC
- 2. Vehicle with communications to Range Control or tower

Required fire fighting equipment located in vehicle:

- 1. Beaters, forest fire: 4 each
- 2. Pump back pack, forest fire: 2 each (filled with water)



## USA CAS BATTALLION RANGE CERTIFICATION ADDITIONAL INFORMATION



No one is allowed down range without the approval of Range control

Crossing or the use of HWY 54 & War HWY 11 during peak traffic hours of 0630 – 0830 and 1500 – 1730 hours is discouraged

Military Police are required for convoys to cross HWY 54

Convoys are 6 vehicles or more

Military Police support is required to **STOP** traffic

Two safety violations can result in the termination of your green time and/or de-certification of the range OIC/RSO





The only vehicles authorized on the range are the RTO and medic vehicle

POVs will be parked in designated lots

No POVs are permitted off War HWY 11 without authorization

POVs can obtain a pass from Range Enforcement or MPs. Pass must be displayed on the dashboard

GSA vehicles are not required to have this pass

50 meters on either side of War HWY 11 is **Off Limits** to all vehicles

Rail tracks off HWY 54 is **Off Limits** to all vehicles

Blackout is authorized inside maneuver areas only





Tracked vehicles are prohibited from using paved roads except at crossing points

Cross pipelines at authorized crossings only

Speed on tank trails is 20 mph during daylight and 10 mph at night. Main supply route (MSR) is 35 mph

Accident or incidents on HWY 54 will be reported to Range Control

Any Unit found in an area without authorization will be held responsible for that area

Units will provide dumpster support thru their S-4





Unit is responsible for providing portable toilets and will not fire with out them

Unit is required to bring Megaphone (bull horn) for all ranges

Prior to clearing ranges unit is required to fill **50 sandbags** 

All military vehicles will have a drip pan under their vehicles when parked

Range will be cleared with a joint inspection

No range will be cleared during hours of darkness unit will return the following work day to clear range. A time to clear range will be coordinated. No shows will still be held responsible even if another unit utilizes the range

Certification good for 12 months





## Avoid doing the following.











# Some good examples of different fuel points.











### UNEXPLODED ORDINANCE (UXO/DUDS)

#### DO NOT ATTEMPT TO MOVE IT!!!!

Immediately report it to Range Control and mark the area with engineer tape or any other material 10 meters away and around the area

Post a guard 100 meters away

Range Control will handle all EOD requests



LINE 1- (DTG discovered)

## USA CAS BATTALLION RANGE CERTIFICATION



UXO SPOT REPORT

LINE 2- (Reporting Unit/Grid of UXO)		
LINE 3- (Contact method/FM freq/Phone#)		
LINE 4- (Type of Ordnance/QTY)		
LINE 5- (NBC Contamination)	-	
LINE 6- (Resources threatened)	-	
LINE 7- (Impact on mission)		
LINE 8- (Protective measures taken/How marked)		
LINE 9- (Recommended priority)	-	

#### **Priorities:**

Immediate-Stops the units maneuver and mission or vital assets Indirect-Slows the units maneuver and mission or threatens important assets Minor-Reduces the units maneuver and mission or threatens non-critical assets No Threat-Has little or no effect on units capabilities or assets

741st Ordnance Company (EOD) Emergency Phone #'s: 568-8905/8703 Non-Emergency #: 568-9910 Fax: 568-9049





### **ACCESS TO DUDDED AREAS**

Request written permission from Range Commander

Access, if granted, will be monitored by Range Control personnel

Leaders will control personnel at all times

**NO SOUVENIRS!!!!** 





### **SAFETY ALERT NOTIFICATION**

The army recently experienced a serious accident caused by improper

Construction of a fighting position. During assembly area occupation, the overhead cover of a fighting position collapsed on a soldier. The soldier suffered a fractured spine, resulting in a permanent disability.

The soldiers built this position as they had been trained—**not to standard.** The design was similar to many they had built in the past and clearly, this accident was just waiting to happen. The pre-conditions were set—**Training and Leader failure** 

REF: FM 5-34 or GTA 5-22XX





### **SAFETY ALERT NOTIFICATION**

The army safety center has noted 20 convoy accidents since FY 98 caused by **LEADERS** failing to properly perform their duties as the commanders of a vehicle movement as required in **FM 55-30.** This includes failure to control the group's movement, failure to ensure that vehicles maintain a proper march speed, and failure to properly mark the units vehicles.





### **Safety Alert**

An M16A2 rifle exploded during a recent range exercise on Fort Sill. The soldier's weapon was rodded, with a sectioned cleaning rod, to ensure the rifle barrel was clear and the soldier proceeded to the firing line. A three round magazine was issued to the soldier and when the first round was fired, the weapon exploded. A standard issue, sectioned, weapon-cleaning rod was used to rod the weapon. A section of cleaning rod came loose and stayed in the weapon causing the round to jam and resulted in an explosion. Two days later, a similar accident occurred on a small arms range at Fort Campbell Kentucky.







The standards for small arms listed in FM 23-9 M16A2 does not specify the type of rod to be used to clean an M16 rifle barrel.

To prevent this type of accident from recurring, recommend using clearing rods that are only one piece, and made of soft metal such as brass or aluminum.







DO NOT USE! Sectioned cleaning



USE THIS!
One piece clearing rod

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### **ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE**

Do not dig up or collect any plants, even for camouflage.

It is illegal to collect or remove cactus

Violators will be prosecuted!!!

Do not disturb or destroy bird nests

Do not collect or harm animals. Leave all wildlife alone, even snakes

MDE Hastore must be discharged before they are





### **ARTIFACTS**

Surface collection or excavation of archeological sites

And artifacts (arrowheads, bottles, etc.) is prohibited.

Minimum criminal and civil penalties begin with 1 year in prison and \$50,000 in fines.





### **SPILL RESPONSE**

Report all spills to immediately to Range Control

Failure to report spills is a violation of federal law. Violators are subject to severe penalties

Stop the flow and contain the spill if possible

Cleanup POL spills of less than 5 gallons

Seek DOE direction for all other types of spills of 5 gallons or more



## USA CAS BATTALLION RANGE CERTIFICATION INSPECTIONS



All units must contact the DOE for approval prior to:

Setting up hazardous waste and POL accumulation sites

Setting up fuel bladders and berm construction

Setting up fuel dispensing facilities

Setting up shower/laundry points (New Mexico permit required)





### Phone numbers

Davis Dome

9240/9241

Meyer Range Control

Range 40

Scheduling

Safety

Range Enforcement

(915)569-

(915)569-9288/9414

(915)569-0340

(915)569-9247/9248

(915)569-9214

(915)569-





### GRID CORD. FOR LATRINES

Rng 3 & 4: CF93894563 Rng 18: CF92704114

Rng 6: CF92104730 Rng 19: CF94004118

Rng 10: CF92284360 Rng 20: CF95204826

Rng 11: CF92284350 FAW 10: CF94085025

Rng 13: CF92264342 BDLG 9881(NBC): CF91714450

Rng 14: CF92714220 FAW 11: CF93805050

Rng 15: CF92804200

BDLG 9822(Carpenter):CF92234351